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SUBJECT: UAE DECLINES TO RECEIVE THIRD COUNTRY GUANTANAMO DETAINEES

Classified by Ambassador Richard Olson, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

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(S/NF) Following up on a January 5 request (reftel) that the UAE consider receiving two non-Emirati Guantanamo detainees, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr. Anwar Gargash told the Ambassador January 18 that the UAEG had decided to decline the request. Gargash offered no reason for the decision, even when pressed, but was firm in relaying the UAEG's decision of "no."

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